

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants note that the Office Action dated August 5, 2003 was issued during the three-month suspension of action requested in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated May 27, 2003. One of Applicants' attorneys reviewed, by telephone on September 9, 2003, this point with Examiner Pham. The Examiner requested that this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment include a statement in the Remarks section as follows: "The Office Action dated August 5, 2003 is not applicable since it was issued during the three-month suspension of action."

Claims 11, 15-20, and 22-32 are pending in this application. Claims 11, 16-19, 22, 23, 25, and 29-32 are in independent form, and have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Applicants submit that the changes to these claims clarify that the plurality of lenses form an image by light being deflected by the deflecting means onto the image bearing member. Applicants note that the plurality of lenses correct the inclination of light effected by the deflecting means or keep the scanning speed of light constant.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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